



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Hiroshi MORISAKI

Group Art Unit: 2625

Application No.: 10/809,428

Examiner: B. MCCOMMAS

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Docket No.: 119269

For: COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

APPLICANT'S SEPARATE RECORD OF PERSONAL INTERVIEW

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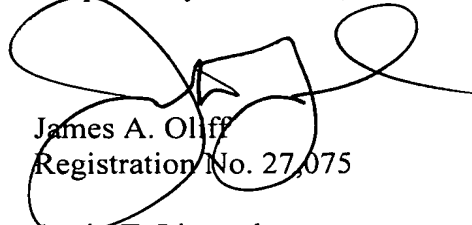
Applicant appreciates the courtesies shown to Applicant's representative by Examiner McCommas during the June 9, 2009 personal interview. The following is Applicant's separate record of the personal interview.

During the personal interview, Applicant's representative argued that the capacity determination unit 3 of Tanaka outputs the information toward the service provider's apparatus only when the capacity of memory 2 is over 90%, not regardless of whether or not the information 12 is handled as a single data or a plurality of data segments. Further, Applicant's representative argued that the capacity determination unit 3 of Tanaka does not store the information 12 (allegedly corresponding to the claimed data segment), but instead outputs the information 12. As such, Applicant's representative argued that Tanaka does not disclose the features of independent claim 1. In response, Examiner McCommas agreed that the amendments to independent claim 1 appear to overcome Tanaka.

Next, Applicant's representative argued that the combination of Tanaka and Thormodson does not disclose, and would not have rendered obvious, the features of independent claims 12, 19 and 23. With respect to independent claims 12 and 23, Applicant's representative argued that in the service provider's apparatus described in Tanaka, information 32 sent from a user's image forming apparatus is merely stored in a database 25 (see Fig. 2 and col. 10, lines 5-8). Applicant's representative asserted that there is no determination made in Tanaka whether the information stored in database 25 satisfies or not a prescribed storage condition. With respect to independent claim 19, Applicant's representative argued that the capacity determination unit 3 of Tanaka does not store the information 12 (allegedly corresponding to the claimed data segment), but instead outputs the information 12. Further, Applicant's representative asserted that Thormodson fails to overcome the deficiencies of Tanaka. Therefore, Applicant's representative argued that the combination of Tanaka and Thormodson does not disclose, and would not have rendered obvious, the features of independent claims 12, 19 and 23.

In response, Examiner McCommas agreed that the amendments to independent claims 12, 19 and 23 appear to overcome Tanaka. However, Examiner McCommas indicated that he would have to further review Thormodson in view of the May 26, 2009 Amendment and the arguments presented during the personal interview.

Respectfully submitted,



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